

Administrative Cause

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**ADVISORY COUNCIL RULE SUGGESTION REVIEW:
HUNTING, TRAPPING, TAKING MAMMALS EXCEPT DEER**

**COMPREHENSIVE
FISH & WILDLIFE RULES PROJECT**

SUBSTANTIVE SUGGESTIONS

**TOPIC: HUNTING, TRAPPING, TAKING
MAMMALS**

**SUB-TOPIC: LICENSE FEE
STRUCTURE/ADDED TYPES OF LICENSES**

Michaels, Debbie

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Subject: SUBSTANTIVE AMENDMENT SUGGESTION FORMS Special Permits and Licenses

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Special Permits and Licenses
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County
Hendricks

State of Residence
IN

Suggestions

Hendricks County is allowed to take 8 does during deer season at \$25 a doe and other counties also with different numbers.

You want to get the deer population of whitetail deer down in Indiana why don't try this. A deer hunter take 4 whitetail deer does for \$30.00 (4 for \$30) I think more hunters would do that than trying to come up with \$100.00 and still trying to get 4 does. And still be able to pay their bills and put food on the table for the families.

Michaels, Debbie

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Steuben

State of Residence
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Suggestions

Hi my name is Josh Burch and I have a suggestion. I think the prices of the hunting and fishing licensees should be lowered not raised. I know as a hunter and fisher it is getting very expensive to pay for equipment and then to be hit by high price licensees. I also think that the deer population is getting out of control less people are hunting because of the outrageous prices. I think that the one buck a year is a very good rule I took my first buck last year. The deer population seems to be very high I am surprised that the insurance company's aren't complaining because of all the money they pay out for car damages done by deer. I don't see why deer season last longer January is the coldest month of the year that is when the deer are really moving I think deer season should go out in February have another shot gun season in January for does. I know my opinion doesn't matter but I am a tax payer just like every one else and I had some time off work to write this letter so I thought why not. Are life time licensees still available any more or did good old greedy money bags Mitch Daniels do away with them.

Kane, Jennifer

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Special Permits and Licenses
Other

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Keith

Last Name
Foor

County
Marion

State of Residence
IN

Suggestions

I would like to see the state adopt a yearly "sportsman" license for hunting. This type of license is sold in other states (Wisconsin) and encompasses the many forms of hunting licenses already sold on an individual basis. It would be much easier for the individual to purchase on a yearly basis one license that covers small game, turkey, and deer (including state stamps). The state would still have the benefit of selling a license on a yearly basis and the individual hunter would have one license for the type of hunting that he or she wants to enjoy. I would think that such a license would cover turkey (both seasons), small game, deer (archery (early and late), firearm, muzzleloader, Military Refuge and perhaps two doe permits along with state waterfowl and game bird habitat stamps). This could be offered at a price similar to the total of the individual licenses and stamps are at a cost that equalled a little less than the sum of the above. This would be a lot like the lifetime license, but sold on a yearly basis making it easier and more convenient for the participant. I believe that under this scenario, the state would still be able to collect the money that they get from the federal govt for such sales of licenses.

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Special Permits and Licenses
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County
Scott

State of Residence
IN

Suggestions

I feel that hunting licenses are outrageously priced. I have been hunting and fishing since I was a young boy and I remember only paying \$5.00 for fishing license and \$13.75 for hunting licenses. I feel that people that poach is the cause for this price increase. They should get their hunting and fishing privileges revoked and never be able to enjoy these privileges ever again. I am an honest hunter and fisherman. So why should I have to suffer for their stupid mistakes. People that poach should be locked up in a cell and the key thrown away they should have to suffer dire consequences for their actions not everyone else. I also feel that I should not have to pay for the state of Indiana's downfalls either. It is not the hunters and fisherman fault they are going broke, licenses prices should be dropped in prices, if these prices are going to stay the same then do lake improvements on area lakes make them more accessible, make nicer launching ramps and maintain them better.

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Special Permits and Licenses
Other

First Name
Jared

Last Name
Alsdorf

County
Boone

State of Residence
IN

Suggestions

To Whom it may Concern,

I appreciate the opportunity to offer a suggestion and or comment. In light of that, I would like to discuss the current hunting license fee structure. I find that I do less hunting because I have to purchase a new license for each season type. Have you ever considered a comprehensive seasonal license that includes turkey and deer or bringing back a variation of the lifetime license? In other words, it may be interesting to look at a 5 or 10 year licence that is all inclusive for \$1,000. After this set time the holder has the opportunity to renew for a 10% discount. This may provide more opportunity to guys like me who don't have a lot of time to hunt but want the flexibility of the lifetime license. I feel that the current fee structure is "nickel and diming me". As a result I don't spend as much as I would on a more reasonably priced longer term option. Thanks for your time and keep up the good work Respectfully, Jared Alsdorf

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Special Permits and Licenses
Other

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Last Name
Crockett

County
Vigo

State of Residence
IN

Suggestions

1.) Raise the non-resident deer hunting licenses to be more in line with that of ILL. I currently archery hunt both IN. and ILL. There is a major separation between IN and ILL non-resident deer tags. There are many non-resident hunters coming to IN and hunting the IN/ILL border because of the relative cheap license compared to ILL. This would help increase funds for IN.....

2.) Change the archery tags (resident only) to antlered/antlerless for both. This would allow archery hunters the opportunity 'cull' the local buck herd. Land owners and property managers are having difficulty with this issue. The one buck, I have supported very strongly, has run its course in supplying a larger mature buck herd.

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Special Permits and Licenses
Other

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County
Grant

State of Residence
IN

Suggestions

The suggestion I have is for a sportsman licenses. The idea for this came from another state there they pay around 80-100\$ for the license and the licenses is similar to the youth license that we currently use. This would allow some of more chances to try different types of hunts, and fishing turkey, bird (with the addition of hip and federal stamps that we would still need), small game, quota hunts, and fur bearers, trout and salmon stamp, ect. I feel could be a positive for both the state and the sportsmen of Indiana.

Michaels, Debbie

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Special Permits and Licenses

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County

Hamilton

State of Residence

OH

Suggestions

Have only one deer license, not one for Archery, Shotgun and one for Muzzleloading. I am a non-resident and would like to hunt more than one season, but can't because of the cost is sky-high - \$150 per season. Other states do it this way. Give a guy a break. For me to hunt all seasons it would be \$450. I hunt other seasons in Ohio and I spend my money there (gas, food, lodging, etc. I do that because of the HIGH cost of a license in Indiana.

Thank you,

Andy Huizing

Michaels, Debbie

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County

Clay

State of Residence

IN

Suggestions

In regards to Deer Licenses, I think it would encourage more hunters to go afield if they did not have to purchase multiple licenses for each season and or weapon choice. I think a return of the "any legal weapon" license would help out so that unfilled tags could be used in a later season without having to buy multiple full price tags. Have hunters buy one full price tag (either sex) and pay a significantly reduced price for all subsequent tags. (One Buck only would still apply.) I have a lifetime license and this does not affect me. However, many friends and fellow hunters have complained to me about this. I know there are revenue issues to consider also. If the goal of the DNR is to increase hunter numbers and decrease deer populations this would seem to be one way to help do both. P.S. I think the youth license program is a great way to encourage young hunters and their parents to get kids in the field without a huge cash outlay.

Michaels, Debbie

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Special Permits and Licenses
Other

First Name
Randy

Last Name
Black

County
Clark

City

State of Residence
IN

Suggestions

First let me say that I commend you for seeking to simplify the rules and regulations in an effort to encourage more people to hunt and fish.

I would love to see our regulations around deer licensing become more user friendly and have the following suggestions to offer in that regard.

Do away with weapon specific tags and let a deer tag be a deer tag. One tag for one deer regardless of what weapon / season it is taken with / in. I recognize that this may cut into revenue and therefore I would be willing to pay more for a tag if necessary (within reason). I believe KY has a model very similar to this.

Has any consideration ever been given for a "comprehensive annual license" that would allow a sportsman to purchase rights to hunt and fish for all game (spring and fall turkey, all deer, upland, fishing, all stamps!) for one price. If the price were right (~\$100 - \$150ish) this may be something that I would consider doing as I hate to worry about making sure I have all the necessary tags, stamps!.. Functionally this would be like a lifetime license but purchased annual.

I would also like to see a less costly non-resident deer license that may only be good for a few days. With several major holidays falling in deer season it frequently happens that I have some family in from out of state for a day or two that I would like to take out on a deer hunt but I hate to pay or have them pay the current out of state tag fees for just a one or two day hunt. It's almost impossible if that out-of-state family member has one or two kids that would like to hunt.

The only recommendation I have on fishing is that I feel like we need to do something about bass in the state as I

rarely ever catch a 14" + fish. They are all that 13 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 13 $\frac{3}{4}$ range of fish. Have we looked into more slot limits on lakes?

Thanks, I wish you success with your project.

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Special Permits and Licenses
Other

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Tom

Last Name
Bryan

County
Hamilton

State of Residence
OH

Suggestions

I am a non-resident land owner. I think that it would be nice and would promote both family and hunting if my son and my grand children were able to hunt on my Switzerland county farm with out purchasing licenses as I am permitted to do. It is cost prohibitive for my son and his family to now join me to hunt on my farm. AS I get older, it now is becoming a matter of safety to have a hunting partners. I hope that this is something that you will consider, especially with the increasing deer populations that we are encountering.

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Special Permits and Licenses
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Hendry

State of Residence
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Suggestions

The question that I have is if I being a landowner why do I have to pay a non-resident fee when I already pay taxes on the land that want to hunt? Out of state landowners that own farm ground should be exempt from the non-resident rule. Thank You, Chris Carroll

**COMPREHENSIVE
FISH & WILDLIFE RULES PROJECT**

SUBSTANTIVE SUGGESTIONS

**TOPIC: HUNTING , TRAPPING, TAKING
MAMMALS**

SUB-TOPIC: YOUTH LICENSES

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Special Permits and Licenses

Other

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ROLAND

Last Name

KERR

County

LAGRANGE

State of Residence

IN

Suggestions

THIS WOULD NOT AFFECT ME.

I FEEL THE YOUTH LICENSE SHOULD BE EXTENDED TILL AGE 25 THAT IS THE ALL AROUND LICENSE.
JOBS ARE IN SHORT SUPPLY AND SO IS THE TAX PAYER'S MONEY.

I HAVE AN OPINION ON SEVERAL ITEMS.

THANKS FOR AT LEAST ALLOWING SUGGESTIONS THAT IS A GOOD IDEA LETTING PEOPLE VOICE THEIR
THOUGHTS.

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County
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State of Residence
IN

Suggestions

Change the age of youth licencses to 18. Set the year of turning 18the same as expriation of current hunting licenses. Include fishingin the license for 16+

Michaels, Debbie

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Hunting Birds
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Benton

State of Residence
IN

Suggestions

"Allow all youths that qualify for a Youth ConsolidatedHunting/Fishing license (age 17 and younger)to be able to participatein any and all IDNR sponsered special youth hunts." This would includeearly Youth Turkey Hunts, Youth Deer Hunts,Special PheasantHunts,Youth Fishing Events,etc. Excluding a youth age group(16,17)that qualifies for the Youth Consolidated Hunt/Fish license iscounterproductive in promoting youth recruitment into Indiana's richhunting and fishing heritage. Thank you for your consideration!

Michaels, Debbie

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Hunting, Trapping or Taking Mammals
Other

First Name
Mike

Last Name
Bonin

County
Allen

City

State of Residence
IN

Suggestions

Allow youth hunters to harvest a buck during the youth weekend hunt. The weather is warmer and more conducive for young hunters. Should ayouth hunter harvest a buck, this would be there one buck for theyear.

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**TOPIC: HUNTING , TRAPPING, TAKING
MAMMALS**

**SUB-TOPIC: SENIOR & LOW INCOME
LICENSES**

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Special Permits and Licenses

Other

First Name

George

Last Name

Hutchison

County

Scott

State of Residence

IN

Suggestions

Over 65 Licenses: It is very Hard for a residence over the age of 65to be able to buy licenses and deer tags at the same price a workingperson with a higher income pays. Why Can't you have a discountedlicenses so we can afford to hunt deer. At \$24 dollars per licensesand you are allowed one buck and four does that is a big chunk out ofour limited income. Also My wife hunts and she is over 65 also so thatdoubles it for us expense wise.

Please consider a reduced price so we can enjoy the sport as long aswe can

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Fike

County

Steuben

State of Residence

IN

Suggestions

Please reinstate the over 65 no fishing license required law. I feel this should be for fishing as well as a regular hunting license. Deertags, and other special stamps and licenses should not be affected. However if you have a lifetime license, no other special permit should have to be purchased to hunt or fish for any game in Indiana.

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County
Jennings

State of Residence
IN

Suggestions

I would like it to be considered and adopted that a change be made to the Basic Hunting license fees to seniors 64 yrs. old and older.

I would like to see a 'Hunt for Life,' one time license fee, be available for seniors 64 years old and older. Such as was done on the fishing license. This, I believe would encourage more seniors to purchase a license. Many seniors now do not buy license because they feel they cannot justify buying a license, for the few times they are able to hunt. I feel a fee for life amount, that is equal to the amount now charged for the Fish for Life license, would be reasonable.

Thank you for allowing my suggestion,

Paul

Michaels, Debbie

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Special Permits and Licenses

Other

First Name

Joseph

Last Name

Hooker

County

Dekalb

City

State of Residence

IN

Suggestions

Maybe it's just my own opinion, but I think that the state should make free or reduced price hunting & fishing licenses available for low income Hoosier citizens. Doing so might allow some percentage of low income citizens to reduce their need for food stamps & or other benefits.

Indiana could even make such free or reduced price licenses available only through the food stamp or AFDC offices, to help avoid fraud.

Just a thought

Joe Hooker

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**COMPREHENSIVE
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SUBSTANTIVE SUGGESTIONS

**TOPIC: HUNTING, TRAPPING, TAKING
MAMMALS**

SUB-TOPIC: LIFETIME LICENSE

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Hunting, Trapping or Taking Mammals
Deer

First Name
Jason

Last Name
Pearson

County
Clark

State of Residence
IN

Suggestions

Bring back the ability to purchase a lifetime comprehensive hunting and fishing license if you have a hunter education card. This will make for some people to make the lifetime commitment to hunting and fishing. Plus make the outdoor sports much more safe.

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County

Marion

State of Residence

IN

Suggestions

I am A avid hunter here in Indiana and I was one of the ones that didnt get my lifetime licenes when they where avalable. My suggestion isto come up with a yearly sportsman licenes of some type that we couldpay 1 price and be covered for all the diffrent seasons and species. Isee no sence in having to buy all the licenes at diffrent times of theyear since I cant buy my Deer and Fall Turkey tags at the same time Ibuy my Spring Turkey and Fishing /Hunting combo. I feel that if youset one price that covered all tags for the year except bonusantlerless and waterfoul/ gamebird habitat stamps you would have agrate number of sportsman and sportswoman that hunt all would buythis, and those that don't hunt Turkey, or Archery would still onlybuy what they need.

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County
hamilton

State of Residence
IN

Suggestions

I THINK IT WOULD BE A GOOD IDEA TO RE-INSTATE THE LIFETIME HUNTINGLICENSE. I THINK INDIANA IS ONE OF THE FEW STATES WHICH DOES NOT OFFERONE. I KNOW IT DOES KEEP PEOPLE INVOLVED IN THE SPORT AND THE LACK OFONE SOMETIMES MIGHT KEEP PEOPLE OUT OF THE SPORT, ESPECIALLY YOUNGPEOPLE. I KNOW I WOULD LIKE TO BE ABLE TO PURCHASE THEM FOR MYGRANDCHILDREN. THAT WOULD BE A GIFT I COULD GIVE THEM THAT WOULD BEAROUND LONG AFTER I AM GONE.

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Suggestions

Bring back the lifetime license.

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Frank

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County
Marion

State of Residence
IN

Suggestions

Please restore the sale of Lifetime hunting license. Hunters WILL spend money on many things that will generate revenue.

Thanks

Frank

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Neal

Last Name

Austin

County

Tippecanoe

State of Residence

IN

Suggestions

My friends and I have often discussed how nice it would be for us and other parents that hunt and fish to have the option of buying a lifetime license for our kids upon their graduation from high school. I know that the program was halted in 2005, and we all have our lifetime licenses. But as our kids grow up and spend time in the field with us we realize that if they were able to have that option afforded them they might be more inclined to keep on being in the outdoors. As an option it could even be based upon a scholastic average such as B- or better which could help drive more kids to want to graduate.

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Special Permits and Licenses
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Suggestions

Has there been any thought about bringing back the lifetime hunting and fishing license?

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County
jackson

State of Residence
IN

Suggestions
lifetime hunting license - offer these on a sliding scale based on age. a 30 yr old would pay more than a 40 yr old and so forth.

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Special Permits and Licenses

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County

Vanderburgh

State of Residence

IN

Suggestions

Lifetime hunting and fishing permit should be brought back. Would benice to see something for the younger kids to promote hunting andfishing by bringing back Lifetime permits...maybe do something forkids under a certain age

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Special Permits and Licenses

Other

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State of Residence

IN

Suggestions

reintroduce lifetime hunting and fishing licenses

Michaels, Debbie

From: Hauk [thauk@ppiprops.com]
Sent: Wednesday, January 21, 2009 3:14 PM
To: NRCFWRulesProject
Cc: Guinnup, Jacob
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Special Permits and Licenses
Other

First Name
Ted

Last Name
Hauk

County
Rush

City

State of Residence
IN

Suggestions
Bring back Life time hunting and fishing Licenses. This would be a good thing for the youth of Indiana.

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Michaels, Debbie

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Special Permits and Licenses
Other

First Name
Steven

Last Name
Bohlen

County
Marion

City

State of Residence
IN

Suggestions
Bring back the life time permits

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Michaels, Debbie

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Special Permits and Licenses
Other

First Name
Al

Last Name
Putnam

County
Dearborn

City

State of Residence
IN

Suggestions
re-instate the lifetime license program.

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Michaels, Debbie

From: Engelking [whitetaildave24@yahoo.com]
Sent: Friday, January 16, 2009 9:25 AM
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Special Permits and Licenses
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Engelking

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County
Johnson

State of Residence
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Suggestions

I would love to see HB1244 get passes as it relates to bringing back the lifetime licenses for Indiana residents. I think this would give a big boost to the DNR as far as a big influx of money from the buyers, which could be placed in a special fund to hold for future needs of the DNR. I was unable to buy one before they were done away with the first time and would love to have a second chance at getting one of these.

Michaels, Debbie

From: DeRoo [rldzeppelin@hotmail.com]
Sent: Friday, January 16, 2009 4:32 AM
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Special Permits and Licenses
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Last Name
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County
Adams

State of Residence
IN

Suggestions
Bring back Lifetime hunting, fishing and trapping licenses.

Kane, Jennifer

From: Miller [afssadmin@ai.org]
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To: NRCFWRulesProject
Subject: SUBSTANTIVE AMENDMENT SUGGESTION FORMSpecial Permits and Licenses

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Special Permits and Licenses
Other

First Name
Brady

Last Name
Miller

Email

County
Greene

State of Residence
IN

Suggestions

Suggest ammending rules to include the lifetime license program. Possibly by allowing sportsmen to purchase a lifetime license but also require sportsmen to purchase a reduced rate permit for each season or type of activity, thus ensuring that federal funding is received foreach license sold.

Michaels, Debbie

From: GREGORY [hgregory@hpcisp.com]
Sent: Wednesday, January 21, 2009 7:42 PM
To: NRCFWRulesProject
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Special Permits and Licenses
Other

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HAROLD

Last Name
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County
LAW.

State of Residence
IN

Suggestions
RETURN TO SELLING LIFETIME LICENSE.

PARENTS AND GRAND PARENTS PURCHASE LIFE TIME LICENSE FOR YOUNGSTERSAND MANY OF THIS
YOUNG HUNTERS QUIT OR LOSE INTEREST IN HUNTING.

THE STATE STILL HAS THE LICENSE FEE.

VERY FEW PEOPLE CAN AFFORD TO PURCHASE ALL THE INDIVIDUAL LIC. IT ISA EASY DECISION FOR
MANY TO DECIDE NOT TO HUNT WITH:

1-LOTS OF HUNTING COMPETITION ON STATE GROUND.TO FEW GAME ANIMALS.

2-LICENSE TO EXPENSIVE.

3-COST TO HAVE DEER BUTCHERED HAS
WENT OUT OF SIGHT.

4-LEASING OF PRIVATE LAND. WHERE A
FARMER USED TO LET 10 OR 15 PEOPLE
HUNT, NOW 4 OR 5 HAVE LEASED IT FOR
DEER HUNTING RIGHTS. THOSE WHO HAVE
IT LEASED MAY NOT HUNT SMALL GAME BUT
THEY STILL HAVE IT LEASED AND NO ONE
ELSE CAN GET ON THERE.

IN OTHER WORDS YOU NEED TO MAKE IT CHEAPER FOR US TO HUNT, NOT HIGHER. I REALIZE THE REASON FOR NOT HAVING A LIFETIME LIC. WAS TO GET MORE FEDERAL MONEY RETURNED BUT I FEEL WE'RE LOSING MORE BY HUNTERS JUST QUITTING CAUSE THEY CAN'T AFFORD THE SPORT.

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SUBSTANTIVE SUGGESTIONS

**TOPIC: HUNTING, TRAPPING, TAKING
MAMMALS**

SUB-TOPIC: COYOTE/YEAR ROUND SEASON

Michaels, Debbie

From: McCune [WVHumorWriter@aol.com]
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To: NRCFWRulesProject
Cc: jschroeder@www.in.gov
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Hunting, Trapping or Taking Mammals
Fox, Coyote, Skunk

First Name
Ray

Last Name
McCune

County
Allen

City

State of Residence
IN

Suggestions
I suggest we follow several other states and have an open season onCoyote.

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Kane, Jennifer

From: eley [greley@taylor.edu]
Sent: Thursday, February 12, 2009 8:52 AM
To: NRCFWRulesProject
Cc: Guinnup, Jacob
Subject: SUBSTANTIVE AMENDMENT SUGGESTION FORMHunting, Trapping or Taking Mammals

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Hunting, Trapping or Taking Mammals
Fox, Coyote, Skunk

First Name
greg

Last Name
eley

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County
grant

State of Residence
IN

Suggestions
Allow open season all year for hunting coyotes.

**COMPREHENSIVE
FISH & WILDLIFE RULES PROJECT**

SUBSTANTIVE SUGGESTIONS

**TOPIC: HUNTING, TRAPPING, TAKING
MAMMALS**

**SUB-TOPIC: COYOTE/HUNTING & TRAPPING
METHODS & EQUIPMENT**

Kane, Jennifer

From: Schoettle [Coyotehunter_@hotmail.com]
Sent: Saturday, January 24, 2009 7:24 PM
To: NRCFWRulesProject
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Hunting, Trapping or Taking Mammals
Fox, Coyote, Skunk

First Name
Gregory

Last Name
Schoettle

County
Warrick County

State of Residence
IN

Suggestions

Right now there is a rules that requires folks who are hunting coyotesafter dark have a light that's visible for 500 ft in all directionburning at all times.

This helps the coyotes see the human hunter at all times too andperhaps it would be better to require a RED LIGHT instead of a WhiteLight for night hunters?

That way the hunter can remain hidden from his prey more effectively.

I am not sure what the purpose of this rule is all about. Safety ofthe hunters at night is the most likely guess that I can think of. Perhaps this rule was put into effect so that night hunters could seewhere the other hunters are located so as not to shoot at them or intheir direction.

But it also alerts the coyotes that there are hunters out in thefield.

I feel that the rules needs to be explained better and that the theamount of lumen's that the light has to put out should be put intowriting in the rules. How visible would a light have to be at 500ft? IE how many lumen's on a clear night should be visible at 500 ftdistance.

Regards,

Gregory Schoettle

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Michaels, Debbie

From: rutan [muskyroot@hotmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, January 21, 2009 4:01 PM
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Hunting, Trapping or Taking Mammals
Fox, Coyote, Skunk

First Name
alan

Last Name
rutan

County
tippecanoe

City

State of Residence
IN

Suggestions

I propose that we strive to do everything we can to reduce the coyote population. Keep the hunting season the way it is now but give trappers a better chance to catch coyotes by allowing #3 and #4 size traps. In the dead of winter, it's very difficult to catch any number of coyotes with the smaller traps due to snow and ice buildup on traps, jaws, triggers, etc. Trapping is the best tool to keep coyote numbers down and by restricting trap size, it just makes it that much more difficult. Coyotes are ravaging not only our game populations but also pets! They're not only hunting around farm buildings for pets but also in urban neighborhoods. The antis don't seem to understand this but if they saw a coyote eat their beloved Spot or Fluffy, they would change their tune real quick!

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Michaels, Debbie

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Hunting, Trapping or Taking Mammals
Fox, Coyote, Skunk

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County
Hendricks

State of Residence
IN

Suggestions

Please go into more depth on varmint hunting, i.e. weapons, calls, and everything that pretty much is not stated in the hunting and fishing guide. There is such a prevalence in the state, especially coyotes, this type of hunting is much more accessible and available especially on private land. Hence, the need for more clarity on rules in regard to these. If this request needs more info., please email me back. Thanks

**COMPREHENSIVE
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SUBSTANTIVE SUGGESTIONS

**TOPIC: HUNTING, TRAPPING, TAKING
MAMMALS**

SUB-TOPIC: COYOTE/HOLDING FURS FOR SELLING

Michaels, Debbie

From: Fulford [kimosabihunter@aol.com]
Sent: Sunday, March 01, 2009 8:51 AM
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Cc: Guinnup, Jacob
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Hunting, Trapping or Taking Mammals
Fox, Coyote, Skunk

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County
Monroe

State of Residence
IN

Suggestions

I would like to see the time for holding of fur for the purpose of selling increased. With fur markets so volatile, trappers are forced to sell their fur at a disadvantage resulting in lower pelt values. Increasing the time one could hold the pelts for sale would even the playing field. Thank You

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SUBSTANTIVE SUGGESTIONS

**TOPIC: HUNTING, TRAPPING, TAKING
MAMMALS**

**SUB-TOPIC: OPOSSUM & RACCOON/EXTEND
SEASON**

Michaels, Debbie

From: Ludlow [ed_ludlow@yahoo.com]
Sent: Thursday, January 15, 2009 12:28 PM
To: NRCFWRulesProject
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Hunting, Trapping or Taking Mammals

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Sullivan

State of Residence

IN

Suggestions

I would like to see the coonhunting season extend into mid to the end of February. Indiana definately has the coon population to support this.

Michaels, Debbie

From: Holcomb [randyandrena@comcast.net]
Sent: Sunday, March 29, 2009 1:28 AM
To: NRCFWRulesProject
Cc: Guinnup, Jacob
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Hunting, Trapping or Taking Mammals
Opossum, Raccoon

First Name
R. Randall

Last Name
Holcomb

County
Wayne

State of Residence
IN

Suggestions
Year round running law for hounds --including coon hounds, bird and rabbit dogs.

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From: Gideon [travisgideon@msn.com]
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Henry

State of Residence

IN

Suggestions

Not only do I feel that the quiet season for coonhunters be lifted in IN, but would like to see coon season opened a month earlier. Several local states seasons open the first part of October. I think we have the coon population here in IN to support hunting another month, especially due to the fact we IN coon hunters lose several days of our season due to weather. It is a lot more pleasureable to take the family/ kids out in the fair fall IN weather then taking them in the later harsh weather. There's just not enough fair weather time in the taking season for the family and kids to enjoy it in my opinion.

Thanks,

Travis Gideon

Michaels, Debbie

From: Sizemore [jimbo920@hotmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, January 14, 2009 10:12 AM
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County

Elkhart

State of Residence

IN

Suggestions

I would like to be on record as being in favor of dropping the two coon dog running season closers and changing to year around coon dog running. I can think of no reason not to do this. Making the change would allow year around training which is important to pup trainers.

Thank you,

James Sizemore

Michaels, Debbie

From: Goodin [nate@goodinfamily.net]
Sent: Wednesday, January 21, 2009 5:22 PM
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Hunting, Trapping or Taking Mammals
Opossum, Raccoon

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County
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State of Residence
IN

Suggestions
Extended raccoon trapping season(Like through February).

Michaels, Debbie

From: Moll [jxm2@akc.org]
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To: NRCFWRulesProject
Cc: jschroeder@www.in.gov
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Hunting, Trapping or Taking Mammals
Opossum, Raccoon

First Name
Jerry

Last Name
Moll

County
Ripley

City

State of Residence
IN

Suggestions
Raccoon Population Issues-

Raccoon pelts are no longer valuable, therefore hunting and trapping pressure has been reduced in recent years to the point many areas of the state are overloaded with raccoon causing disease and human health concerns. Overpopulation also creates a tremendous amount of crop depredation along with damage to homes and farm buildings.

Option #1:

Open raccoon taking season from October 15th to January 31st instead of the current season of November 8th to January 31st. This extended season would allow for more raccoons to be taken.

Option #2:

Allow for raccoons to be taken year round by any means with written permission (only) from landowners and tenants. This would allow for raccoon population reduction in target areas where farmers and landowners are experiencing over population problems.

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First Name

rusty

Last Name

hill

Email

County

gibson

State of Residence

IN

Suggestions

sirs,

please open the closed portions of running season for raccoon.otherdog owners have the ability to run their dogs 365 days a year.coonhunters would like the same oportunity. october is one of thenicest time of the year, especially if you have children and want tointroduce them to the outdoors. generally, its not to cold to take theyoung children coonhunting in october and have them enjoy a part ofour heritage. i hope you give this serious thought. we will bewatching.

thank you, rusty hill

(president of gibson county coonhunters club)

Michaels, Debbie

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Sent: Thursday, January 15, 2009 10:24 AM
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State of Residence

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Suggestions

Concerning Raccoon Running Season

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Thank you for your consideration.

Michaels, Debbie

From: WASKOM [GRWASKOM2826@YAHOO.COM]
Sent: Wednesday, January 14, 2009 10:53 PM
To: NRCFWRulesProject
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Hunting, Trapping or Taking Mammals

Opossum, Raccoon

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County

LAWRENCE

State of Residence

IN

Suggestions

EXTEND THE TAKE SEASON FROM NOV 1 - FEB 28. DO AWAY WITH THE NONRUNNING SEASON.

Michaels, Debbie

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EXTEND THE TAKE SEASON FROM NOV 1 - FEB 28.

Thank you for your consideration.

Michaels, Debbie

From: Blotkamp [jwblotkamp@yahoo.com]
Sent: Wednesday, January 14, 2009 11:45 AM
To: NRCFWRulesProject
Subject: SUBSTANTIVE AMENDMENT SUGGESTION FORMHunting, Trapping or Taking Mammals

Hunting, Trapping or Taking Mammals
Opossum, Raccoon

First Name
Justin

Last Name
Blotkamp

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County
Noble

State of Residence
IN

Suggestions
Dear Natural Resources Commission,

My suggestion is to extend the "running season" for Raccoon and Opossum hounds. I would like to be able to train and exercise my hounds any day of the year. As the law stands now, I am unable to train my hounds forty days out of the year. Some of my most enjoyable training and hunting boarder these forty days when I am unable to pursue these species.

Lastly, many other sporting dogs do not have these regulations placed on them. The other sporting dogs are able to train and pursue their desired game with no closed seasons. Why not the Raccoon and Opossum hounds? Thank you and please consider some changes in this area.

Michaels, Debbie

From: Newlin [joe@oakridgecoonhounds.com]
Sent: Wednesday, January 14, 2009 11:20 AM
To: NRCFWRulesProject
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Hunting, Trapping or Taking Mammals
Opossum, Raccoon

First Name
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County
Kosciusko

State of Residence
IN

Suggestions
Regarding the annual "Running" season for raccoon.

Please consider extending the "running" season for Raccoon and Opossum to include the 40 days a year when it is closed.

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State of Residence
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Michaels, Debbie

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Hunting, Trapping or Taking Mammals
Opossum, Raccoon

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County
Ripley

State of Residence
IN

Suggestions
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Thank you for your consideration.

Michaels, Debbie

From: McDuffee [afssadmin@ai.org]
Sent: Thursday, January 08, 2009 8:27 PM
To: NRCFWRulesProject
Subject: SUBSTANTIVE AMENDMENT SUGGESTION FORMHunting, Trapping or Taking Mammals

Hunting, Trapping or Taking Mammals
Opossum, Raccoon

First Name
Ryan

Last Name
McDuffee

Email

County
parke

State of Residence
IN

Suggestions

Open coon trapping season same as fox/skunk or same as hunting season. Some areas of Northern Indiana have been hit with very cold and snowy Novembers the last few years not producing many coons.

Michaels, Debbie

From: Larson [crabboil@hotmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2009 4:09 PM
To: NRCFWRulesProject
Cc: Guinnup, Jacob
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Hunting, Trapping or Taking Mammals
Opossum, Raccoon

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County
Lake

State of Residence
IN

Suggestions

Due to the lack of number of fur buyers, there needs to be a longtime table or to dissolve the time to hold furs after trapping seasonis over.

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SUBSTANTIVE SUGGESTIONS

**TOPIC: HUNTING, TRAPPING, TAKING
MAMMALS**

SUB-TOPIC: SQUIRREL/EXTEND SEASON

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Sent: Friday, January 23, 2009 11:12 PM
To: NRCFWRulesProject
Subject: SUBSTANTIVE AMENDMENT SUGGESTION FORMHunting, Trapping or Taking Mammals

Hunting, Trapping or Taking Mammals
Squirrel

First Name
Adrian

Last Name
Darling

County
Henry

State of Residence
IN

Suggestions
I would like to see squirell season extended to the end of February.

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Michaels, Debbie

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Hunting, Trapping or Taking Mammals
Squirrel

First Name
Nathan

Last Name
Goodin

County
vigo

State of Residence
IN

Suggestions
An extended squirrel season would be very nice.

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Hunting, Trapping or Taking Mammals
Squirrel

First Name
kelly

Last Name
klineyoung

Email
kklineyoung@hotmail.com

County
bartholomew

State of Residence
IN

Suggestions
extend the season until the end of february

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Hunting, Trapping or Taking Mammals
Squirrel

First Name
Steve

Last Name
Fuhs

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County
Daviess

State of Residence
IN

Suggestions
Extend the squirrel season to mid Feb.

Put a slot limit on bass in certain lakes that any fish between 14 -18 inches can not be taken. Lakes I suggest are Glendale, Boggs, Patoka and Monroe.

Michaels, Debbie

From: Shafer [shafer@ticon.net]
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First Name
JERRY

Last Name
Shafer

County
rock

City

State of Residence
WI

Suggestions

I travel to IN. to hunt with friends, and have a none resident license #0808102442984. I think having sq. season open till the end of Feb.will be good for other business.
Jerry Shafer

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Michaels, Debbie

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Hunting, Trapping or Taking Mammals
Squirrel

First Name
Mack

Last Name
Darling

County
owen

City

State of Residence
IN

Suggestions

Would like to see squirrel season extended to the end of Feb. I have squirrel dogs and loose several days of hunting them on public ground due to deer gun season. Really not that many good days to hunt in Feb. but would help getting dogs out. Thanks Mack

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Hunting, Trapping or Taking Mammals
Squirrel

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joel

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County
noble

State of Residence
IN

Suggestions

I would like to squirrel hunt til the end of february. like michiganand other states.

Michaels, Debbie

From: Overton [carla.overton@yahoo.com]
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Hunting, Trapping or Taking Mammals
Squirrel

First Name
Chad

Last Name
Overton

County
warrick

City

State of Residence
IN

Suggestions

I would like to see the squirrel season extended in Indiana. There are very few days that a squirrel hunter, who uses a squirrel dog, has a field where he/she does not have to share the woods with other hunters. The best time to use a squirrel dog is when the leaves are off, which is the same time our deer season is at its best. I, along with many other squirrel hunters who use dogs, fear for the safety of our hunting partners while hunting during this time and refuse to do so. Unfortunately many people have no where to hunt except public hunting areas. To use a squirrel dog on public hunting areas during deer season would more than likely bring a death sentence to the dog. If the squirrel season would be extended until the end of February, like some of our surrounding states, a squirrel hunter who uses a dog, would have more time afield without being bothered or bothering other hunters.

Thanks for your time,
Chad Overton

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Michaels, Debbie

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Hunting, Trapping or Taking Mammals
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First Name
Rob

Last Name
Harris

County
Allen

City

State of Residence
IN

Suggestions

Squirrel season should be extended to the end of January in the northern half of the state. It makes no sense that the south half hunts a month longer. If bred females are your concern, doesn't North America warm up from south to north every spring?

From what I've seen over the past 40 years, squirrel hunting in northern Indiana has seriously decreased in popularity. I'd be willing to bet many woodlots never see a squirrel hunter. It's an underutilized resource. Run to the end of January statewide, or run longer where winter lasts the longest.

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Hunting, Trapping or Taking Mammals
Squirrel

First Name
bruce

Last Name
hill

County
shelby

City

State of Residence
IN

Suggestions
extension of squirrel season thru feb

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Hunting, Trapping or Taking Mammals
Squirrel

First Name
Anthony

Last Name
Porter

County
Decatur Co.

City

State of Residence
IN

Suggestions

I would like to suggest that we open Squirrel season until the end of Febuary. Most other states around us have done, with no problems. It seems squirrel hunting is shortened by Deer season. And honestly what else is there to do in Febuary? I have lived IN Indiana all my life, and have been hunting for 16 years, I now have a son who I plant to bring up the same way. Thank you..

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Michaels, Debbie

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Hunting, Trapping or Taking Mammals
Squirrel

First Name
BRIAN

Last Name
BLUM

County
VANDERBURGH

City

State of Residence
IN

Suggestions

SQUIRREL SEASON EXTENSION. AS A HUNTER OF SQUIRRELS WITH DOGS, ANEXTENDED SEASON WOULD GREATLY HELP WITH MY SPORT.THE STATESSURROUNDING INDIANA HAVE SEASONS THAT RUN INTO FEBUARY. IT IS HARD FORME TO FIND PLACES ON PUBLIC LAND TO RUN MY DOGS IN NOVEMBER ANDDECEMBER BECAUSE I DONT WANT TO INTERFERE WITH DEER HUNTERS. ASQUIRREL SEASON WHICH EXTENDED THRU FEBUARY WOULD GIVE ME AN EXTRA 3OR 4 WEEKENDS TO ENJOY MY SPORT WITHOUT HAVING TO WORRY ABOUTBOTHERING OTHERS. HERE IN VANDERBURGH COUNTY DEER HUNTERS CAN HIT THEWOODS FROM SEPTEMBER INTO JANUARY .THAT MAKES IT VERY HARD ON ASQUIRREL HUNTER. PLEASE CONSIDER THIS SUGGESTION. THANK YOU, BRIAN BLUM

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Michaels, Debbie

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Hunting, Trapping or Taking Mammals
Squirrel

First Name
James

Last Name
Heasley

County
Grant

City

State of Residence
IN

Suggestions

The extension of Indiana's squirrel season to the end of February would give Indiana hunters the opportunity to enjoy a late season without squirrel dogs like the majority of Indiana's surrounding states do now. Michigan squirrel season goes until March 1, Kentucky till Feb 28 and Illinois till Feb 15. Ohio currently ends the same as Indiana but Ohio has a larger bag limit on squirrels when they do hunt, plus they don't lose near as many days to a long deer season like Hoosier small game hunters do. About the time the leaves come off and hunting with squirrel dogs begins to get good deer season starts. Many of the best days weather wise and squirrel activity wise are lost for squirrel dog hunters because of deer season. Unlike the coon hunters 325 night season basically unbothered by other type sportsmen the squirrel hunters in the daytime must share the field with all types of hunting. Extending the squirrel season to the end of February would give the squirrel dog hunter a chance to hunt a meager 13 days when the leaves are off by themselves. Indiana's surrounding states have already shown us there is no negative biological impact on this resource by doing so. We all know how extreme February can be in Indiana. You might get a few days weather wise to hunt or you might get none, but at least if the weather permitted the squirrel dog hunter might get a few days in the field by themselves. I have hunted all the species Indiana allows to be hunted. My opinion there is no better way to introducing a youth or newly starting hunter to hunting than behind a good squirrel dog.

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Hunting, Trapping or Taking Mammals
Squirrel

First Name
Rodney

Last Name
Stratton

County
Ripley

City

State of Residence
IN

Suggestions

The extension of Indiana's squirrel season to the end of February would give Hoosiers the opportunity to enjoy a late season with our squirrel dogs like the majority of Indiana's surrounding states. Kentucky squirrel season goes to Feb 28, Michigan till March 1, and Illinois till Feb 15. Ohio ends the same as Indiana but Ohio has a larger bag limit on squirrels when they do hunt, plus they don't lose as many days to the long deer season like Hoosier hunters do. As the leaves come off hunting with squirrel dogs just starts to get good then the deer season starts. Many of the best days weather and squirrel activity wise are lost for squirrel dog hunters because of deer season. Coon hunters have 325 nights a year and the entire 85 day kill season all to themselves. The squirrel hunters in the daytime must share the field with all types of hunting. Extending the squirrel season to the end of February would give the squirrel dog hunter a chance to hunt approximately 13 days when the leaves are off by themselves with no negative biological impact on the resource like our surrounding states have shown. We all know how extreme February can be in Indiana. You might get a few days weather wise to hunt or you might get none, but at least if the weather permitted the squirrel dog hunter might get a few days in the field by himself. I have hunted all the species Indiana allows to be hunted. My opinion there is no better way to introducing a youth or new hunters to hunting than behind a good squirrel dog. The fast pace action keeps the youth interested and the small amount of initial equipment needed is easier for the youth or new hunter to obtain.

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Hunting, Trapping or Taking Mammals
Squirrel

First Name
jason

Last Name
crowl

County
dekalb

City

State of Residence
IN

Suggestions

I would like to see a Spring squirrel hunting season...many states have utilized this, with much success, and no adverse effect on the squirrel population. Squirrel breed 2 times a year, and I don't think an additional hunting season in the Spring would have any negative effect on their healthy population. Thank you very much....Jason C Crowl

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COMPREHENSIVE FISH & WILDLIFE RULES PROJECT

SUBSTANTIVE SUGGESTIONS

**TOPIC: HUNTING, TRAPPING, TAKING
MAMMALS**

SUB-TOPIC: SQUIRREL/CHANGE SEASON

Michaels, Debbie

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COMPREHENSIVE FISH & WILDLIFE RULES ENHANCEMENT PROJECT

Hunting, Trapping or Taking Mammals
Squirrel

First Name
Ray

Last Name
McCune

Email
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County
Allen

State of Residence
IN

Suggestions

I suggest that the squirrel season be changed. I would like to see it come in around the middle of October and go out at the end of January.

I have hunted when it comes in in August and have found that a lot of the female squirrels I've killed are still wet and dripping milk. I know that I have left baby squirrels somewhere that will die from starvation.

I have even waited until the middle of September to go hunting and have still killed 'wet' squirrels. It seems to me that bringing the squirrel season in around the middle of October like other states (West Virginia comes to mind) would be more humane and give the young squirrels a chance to grow.

Michaels, Debbie

From: Cox [dgc1@epowerc.net]
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Hunting, Trapping or Taking Mammals
Squirrel

First Name
Douglas G. Cox

Last Name
Cox

County
Ripley

City

State of Residence
IN

Suggestions

I do hunt squirrel with dog's. I'm not in favor of a extented squirrelseason. The reason is by the end of Janurary some females have hadthere young, and the one's that have not are close. You can still runyour dogs after season goes out.

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Michaels, Debbie

From: McCune [WVHumorWriter@aol.com]
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First Name
Ray

Last Name
McCune

County
Allen

City

State of Residence
IN

Suggestions

I have lived in Indiana for over 40 years and I love to hunt squirrels. I'm an avid hunter of these delicious creatures and I've try to hunt them when the season comes in around the middle of August. I have several times killed female squirrels that had wet nipples which leads me to believe that I've left a litter of unweaned squirrels to die in a den tree somewhere. I will not hunt squirrels from August to October.

When I grew up in West Virginia I learned to hunt squirrels and the season comes in during the middle of October. I never killed a 'wet' squirrel in the time I lived in that state.

I suggest Indiana consider moving opening day of Squirrel season from the middle of August to the middle of October.

Thank you for listening.
Ray McCune
P.O. Box 9793
Ft. Wayne, IN 46899

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**COMPREHENSIVE
FISH & WILDLIFE RULES PROJECT**

SUBSTANTIVE SUGGESTIONS

**TOPIC: HUNTING, TRAPPING, TAKING
MAMMALS**

SUB-TOPIC: EXOTIC MAMMALS

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From: Shaver [shaverforestry@yahoo.com]
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Subject: SUBSTANTIVE AMENDMENT SUGGESTION FORMHunting, Trapping or Taking Mammals

Hunting, Trapping or Taking Mammals
Exotic Mammal

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County
Bartholomew

State of Residence
IN

Suggestions

The Division of Forestry needs to take a more pro-active approach tocontrolling feral hog populations in Indiana. These animals areenvironmentally destructive and cause serious problems to the healthof our forest, small animal populations and plant communities. TheDivision of Fish and Wildlife should promote the eradication of feralhogs from Indiana through education and incentive programs. Some statelike Michigan already encourage all hunters to shoot hogs on site andreport their taking. This same thing should be promoted in Indiana.Indiana could also consider some sort of bounty program for thosepeople willing register to hunt and kill hogs within the state.

Reproductive rates and reproductive models for feral hogs predictnothing but trouble for sportsmen in Indaina if the feral hogpopulation is not controlled.

Please contact me if you have any questions. Measure to control hogsmay not be popular with some groups or some citizens, but notcontrolling hogs now will result in tremendous problems in thefuture.

Dan Shaver

**COMPREHENSIVE
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SUBSTANTIVE SUGGESTIONS

**TOPIC: HUNTING, TRAPPING, TAKING
MAMMALS**

SUB-TOPIC: HUNTER EDUCATION

Michaels, Debbie

From: Baldwin [scottabaldwin@gmail.com]
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Hunting, Trapping or Taking Mammals
Deer

First Name
Scott

Last Name
Baldwin

County
Hamilton

City

State of Residence
IN

Suggestions

Consider making all persons, regardless of age or residency status complete the hunter education if they plan to hunt any animal with a firearm. As a long time Indiana hunter, I am seeing an increasing number of safety and ethics violations amongst older hunters (firearms loading/unloading, shooting in safe direction, knowing your target and what's beyond, trespassing, theft of tree stands, disrespect to farmers, etc.) Create a registration fee (\$15) for the online course (so they can log on any time within three months), and then increase the cost of the test to \$25 for the online version.

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Hunting, Trapping or Taking Mammals
Hunter Education

First Name
Richard

Last Name
Becraft

County
Lawrence

City

State of Residence
IN

Suggestions

I suggest all mandatory hunter education requirements be dropped and all hunter education programs be voluntary regardless of age and funded through fees to participate.

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Michaels, Debbie

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Hunting, Trapping or Taking Mammals
Other

First Name
Nathan

Last Name
Goodin

County
vigo

State of Residence
IN

Suggestions
State all of the hunter and trapper education classes, dates, and locations in the hunting and trapping guide

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Kane, Jennifer

From: Kemp [afssadmin@ai.org]
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Hunting, Trapping or Taking Mammals
Hunter Education

First Name
Tracy

Last Name
Kemp

County
Hendricks

State of Residence
IN

Suggestions

I think children are able to handle weapons at different ages, and the parent should be responsible for determining this. I'm a firm believer in hunter education, but please don't put age restrictions on this.

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Kane, Jennifer

From: Pearson [indeerhunt@aol.com]
Sent: Friday, January 23, 2009 8:25 PM
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Subject: SUBSTANTIVE AMENDMENT SUGGESTION FORMSpecial Permits and Licenses

Special Permits and Licenses
Other

First Name
Jason

Last Name
Pearson

County
Clark

State of Residence
IN

Suggestions

The conservation officers should be required to carry maps (topo/survey) and know the public hunting land boundaries. I had a conservation officer give me a ticket for hunting without permission, however, I was backed by a forest ranger and shown to be hunting not on private land but the Hoosier National forest. It cost me a lot of money to have this ticket dropped, because the conservation officer would not admit he was wrong and just dismiss it. Plus I feel I cannot go back to this hunting land because of fear of this happening again by this conservation officer. My hunting rights were violated and no one came forth to admit to the mistake.

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Hunting, Trapping or Taking Mammals
Other

First Name
kevin

Last Name
elbrink

County
posey

City

State of Residence
IN

Suggestions

I believe every hunter should be mailed a hand book just like the COcarry with all updated rules.It really upsets people when a CO startsspouting off rules from a book that you cant get.

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Kane, Jennifer

From: DAVIS [DUMBLUCK5@AOL.COM]
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Hunting, Trapping or Taking Mammals
Other

First Name
MICHAEL

Last Name
DAVIS

County
VIGO

State of Residence
IN

Suggestions

I SUGGEST A WORDING CHANGE IN THE HUNTING RULES BOOKLET. UNDER THE TOPIC OF "HARASSING HUNTERS" IT SAYS IT'S UNLAWFUL TO HARASS HUNTERS WHILE TAKING GAME LEGALLY. IT THEN SAYS WITHOUT THE PERMISSION OF THE LAND OWNER.

WHY WOULD A LAND OWNER GIVE A HUNTER PERMISSION TO HUNT ON HIS PROPERTY THEN GIVE PERMISSION FOR PEOPLE TO GO ON HIS LAND TO HARASS THE HUNTER??

I'VE READ THIS PARAGRAPH TO OTHER HUNTERS FOR SEVERAL YEARS AND THEY ALL AGREE IT'S WORDED WRONG..!!!!!!

HARASSMENT OF HUNTERS SHOULD NEVER BE ALLOWED, PERIOD...!!!!!!

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Hunting, Trapping or Taking Mammals
Other

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County
Moneow

State of Residence
IN

Suggestions

The state will ban any import or export of any wildlife that would be used for the purpose of all types of hunting in other states or countries.

**COMPREHENSIVE
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SUBSTANTIVE SUGGESTIONS

**TOPIC: HUNTING, TRAPPING, TAKING
MAMMALS**

SUB-TOPIC: COTTON TAIL RABBIT

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Hunting, Trapping or Taking Mammals
Cottontail Rabbit

First Name
Robert

Last Name
Weber

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County
Dearborn

State of Residence
IN

Suggestions

I have been rabbit hunting for 58 years, and durring that time I havenever seen the state do anything but hurt the rabbit population. I assume no one knows or cares that rabbits start the rut in January. For about half of those 58 years rabbit season closed on January 10, had lots of rabbits. Then the season was extended to January 31. Now to make matters worse Indiana has extended the season even longer to February 15. This allows hunters to kill does with babies. Each doerabbit will produce 200 hundred more rabbits though normal breedinghabits. So as late season hunters and predators kill off babies therabbit population will continue to decline. Rabbits need just some ofthe attention that deer and turkey receive.

Kane, Jennifer

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Hunting, Trapping or Taking Mammals
Cottontail Rabbit

First Name
Monroe

Last Name
Shepherd

County
Kosciusko

State of Residence
IN

Suggestions

I would like to see the early rabbit season stopped, and lower the amount of rabbits killed. So the rabbit population has a chance to enlarge.

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Kane, Jennifer

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Hunting, Trapping or Taking Mammals
Cottontail Rabbit

First Name
Curtis

Last Name
Russell

County
DeKalb

State of Residence
IN

Suggestions

I would like to see the rabbit hunting season extended to March 15 because deer seasons are so long and I like to hunt with beagles. This would increase hunting opportunity for those of us who's time is limited and don't want to disturb deer hunters. I am 15 and like to hunt with my grandpa, and we find it hard to squeeze rabbit hunting into January alone.

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Hunting, Trapping or Taking Mammals
Cottontail Rabbit

First Name
Kevin

Last Name
Gerguson

County
Vanderburgh

State of Residence
IN

Suggestions
Please eliminate the beginning of rabbit season in October on stateowned lands - what is the purpose?

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Kane, Jennifer

From: Beaver [bigbluebud@localnet.com]
Sent: Saturday, January 24, 2009 8:30 PM
To: NRCFWRulesProject
Subject: SUBSTANTIVE AMENDMENT SUGGESTION FORMHunting, Trapping or Taking Mammals

Hunting, Trapping or Taking Mammals
Cottontail Rabbit

First Name
Michael

Last Name
Beaver

County
Whitley

State of Residence
IN

Suggestions

I think it would be safer if we did not have the early rabbit season, come in at the same time as the fall turkey season. I am a rabbit hunter, I would be glad to wait till turkey season is over. I think other hunters would be to.

Thank You.

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Michaels, Debbie

From: Berghorn [w.berghorn@verizon.net]
Sent: Thursday, March 12, 2009 6:12 PM
To: NRCFWRulesProject
Cc: Guinnup, Jacob
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COMPREHENSIVE FISH & WILDLIFE RULES ENHANCEMENT PROJECT

Hunting, Trapping or Taking Mammals
Cottontail Rabbit

First Name
William

Last Name
Berghorn

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County
Allen

State of Residence
IN

Suggestions

Eliminate the early rabbit season on state fish & wildlife areasrecognizing the regular state opening date.

Michaels, Debbie

From: moore [charlie_m946@hotmail.com]
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Cc: Guinnup, Jacob
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Hunting, Trapping or Taking Mammals
Cottontail Rabbit

First Name
robert

Last Name
moore

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County
marion

State of Residence
IN

Suggestions

the rabbit population in indiana has really gone down in the last 20years . i know part of this has to do with the overpopulation of coyotes . is there any restocking program going on ? or is there any plans to reduce the coyote population ?

**COMPREHENSIVE
FISH & WILDLIFE RULES PROJECT**

SUBSTANTIVE SUGGESTIONS

**TOPIC: HUNTING, TRAPPING, TAKING
MAMMALS**

SUB-TOPIC: MISC. LICENSURE SUGGESTIONS

Kane, Jennifer

From: Wildeman [kwildeman@dnr.in.gov]
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To: NRCFWRulesProject
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COMPREHENSIVE FISH & WILDLIFE RULES ENHANCEMENT PROJECT

Hunting, Trapping or Taking Mammals
Other

First Name
Keith

Last Name
Wildeman

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County
Jasper

State of Residence
IN

Suggestions

I propose that all funds generated from the sale of all apprentice license be set aside in a fund for the division of fish & wildlife to use for hunter/fisher/trapper recruitment. All of the state fish and wildlife areas are conducting various events for the purposes of recruitment & retention. There is no extra funds for these programs and the properties are forced to look to outside help for putting on these programs. If there was an account specific for this type of program many of the shortfalls in this budget could be made up and the events could be expanded and improved upon.

Kane, Jennifer

From: Wildeman [wildemank@netnitco.net]
Sent: Monday, February 23, 2009 9:14 PM
To: NRCFWRulesProject
Cc: Guinnup, Jacob
Subject: SUBSTANTIVE AMENDMENT SUGGESTION FORMHunting, Trapping or Taking Mammals

COMPREHENSIVE FISH & WILDLIFE RULES ENHANCEMENT PROJECT

Hunting, Trapping or Taking Mammals
Other

First Name
Keith

Last Name
Wildeman

Email
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County
Jasper

State of Residence
IN

Suggestions

I suggest that Indiana establishes a Sportsman's Hunting/Fishing License similar to those available in other states. This would be a combination license offered to individuals who would purchase all of the needed licenses up front. Many diehard hunters do this anyway and this would give them a discount and incentive to buy their licenses all at once, saving the vendor fee. They may not normally use all the licenses provided, but they will have the option to pursue game that they may not normally go after. They would buy more gear, thereby increase Pittman Robertson revenues. The license should offer the most commonly purchased license. Examples of this would be for Sportsman's Deer License a reduced fee a person could buy deer licenses for A. Archery, B. Firearms, C. Muzzleloader, & D. Bonus antlerless. Currently this would run a person \$ 96. Sell it for \$80. Yes you may lose a little revenue, but you may also make up for it by archery hunters who shoot their buck before firearms season and do not need to purchase this license. You may also sell more of these to a guy who says "what the heck" I just might go out and try muzzleloader hunting or fall turkey. Another example would be for the license to include A. 2 deer licenses, B. Hunt/fish license, C. waterfowl permit, D. Gamebird permit, E. Trout permit, F. Spring turkey license, G. Fall turkey license. Individually this would cost \$ \$147.50. Offer a discount for all for \$100. The state of KY offers a license similar to this and added up individually it is \$145 and the sportsman's license is \$95. Many of KY's licenses also included multiple animals to be taken for the deer/turkey licenses. This would be a way to reward those diehard hunters who purchase most of these licenses anyway a price break

and they might consider hunting other game species they don't normally pursue if the license is included. I don't think the number of these types of license will be a large percentage, mainly because many of the diehard hunters purchased lifetime licenses before they were discontinued. This will be a convenience for hunters who already buy all or most of these licenses yearly.

Michaels, Debbie

From: Fulford [kimosabihunter@aol.com]
Sent: Sunday, March 01, 2009 9:08 AM
To: NRCFWRulesProject
Cc: Guinnup, Jacob
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COMPREHENSIVE FISH & WILDLIFE RULES ENHANCEMENT PROJECT

Hunting, Trapping or Taking Mammals
Other

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Stephen

Last Name
Fulford

Email
kimosabihunter@aol.com

County
Monroe

State of Residence
IN

Suggestions

[Permission to trap state owned properties] There is NO consistancy atthe present for obtaining trapping permission at state runproperties.Each property manager seems to have total control as to therules. This needs to change to include all license buyingsportsmen.Propery access should be permitted to all with no biastowards trappers which is not the current practice.If hunting andfishing are permitted at these sites trapping should also. To giveauthority to one person to make this decision is unfair. Thank YouStephen Fulford

Michaels, Debbie

From: Franklin [theace3@gmail.com]
Sent: Saturday, January 31, 2009 9:30 AM
To: NRCFWRulesProject
Subject: SUBSTANTIVE AMENDMENT SUGGESTION FORMHunting, Trapping or Taking Mammals

Hunting, Trapping or Taking Mammals

Other

First Name

Jason

Last Name

Franklin

Email

theace3@gmail.com

County

Clark

State of Residence

IN

Suggestions

Need to make it easier in Indiana to allow landowners to have a waiver signed that would absolutely absolve them of any liability or possibility of litigation if they give someone permission to hunt, fish or ride on their property. I do not have the proper proof of such problem, but it has occurred to me in the past that this has been an issue.

On another note... one broad, general suggestion that I would suggest is that Indiana's Fish and Wildlife program study and try to mimic Kentucky's Fish and Wildlife program. I have never witnessed a more effective, successful program.

Michaels, Debbie

From: Slagle [hhmuskybaits@aol.com]
Sent: Saturday, January 31, 2009 4:54 PM
To: NRCFWRulesProject
Subject: SUBSTANTIVE AMENDMENT SUGGESTION FORMHunting, Trapping or Taking Mammals

Hunting, Trapping or Taking Mammals

Other

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Don

Last Name

Slagle

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County

Tippecanoe

State of Residence

IN

Suggestions

I would like to see use of the DNR hunting permission a law. Allpersons hunting must have with them this form signed by the landowner. Add a place for phone number for Conservation Officers to verify the signature.

Kane, Jennifer

From: Smith [RNRGAME@YAHOO.COM]
Sent: Wednesday, January 21, 2009 7:17 PM
To: NRCFWRulesProject
Subject: SUBSTANTIVE AMENDMENT SUGGESTION FORMHunting, Trapping or Taking Mammals

Hunting, Trapping or Taking Mammals
Other

First Name
Roy

Last Name
Smith

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RNRGAME@YAHOO.COM

County
Hamilton

State of Residence
OH

Suggestions

I was born and raised in Indiana but moved to Harrison Ohio. I still enjoy coming to Indiana to hunt deer and turkey but you are pricing me right out. You need to try to come up with some kind of a brake for guys like me. Come up with some kind of a combo tag that will take a little of the cost off of non residents. hope you will consider this thanks.

Kane, Jennifer

From: siebe [cs122349@aol.com]
Sent: Monday, January 26, 2009 9:21 AM
To: NRCFWRulesProject
Subject: SUBSTANTIVE AMENDMENT SUGGESTION FORMHunting, Trapping or Taking Mammals

Hunting, Trapping or Taking Mammals
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First Name
charles

Last Name
siebe

County
hamilton

State of Residence
IN

Suggestions

Sir:

I feel that wih the rising cost of licesnses today that the currentfees are to expensive for the older hunters.

I believe it would be appropriate to reduce the fees or to eliminatethem entirely for anyone age 60 and over, this consideration would be greatly appreciated Thakyou Charles Siebe

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Michaels, Debbie

From: Becraft [afssadmin@ai.org]
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First Name
Richard

Last Name
Becraft

County
Lawrence

City

State of Residence
IN

Suggestions

I oppose any attempt to imitate any Wisconsin game law in Indiana, inparticularly any attempt to require Indiana hunters to wear paper"license plate" type tags on their back like convicts or Wisconsinhunters.

I live in Indiana. People who like to hunt like Wisconsin huntersshould move to Wisconsin or drive there to do their hunting.

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Kane, Jennifer

From: Williams [reb33inf@msn.com]
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To: NRCFWRulesProject
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Hunting, Trapping or Taking Mammals
Other

First Name
Dwayne

Last Name
Williams

County
Fountain

State of Residence
IN

Suggestions

I have received your letter in response to my email regarding fees for deer and turkey hunting licenses and per your request I am submitting to you what I feel will be a system of fees which I feel will be much more acceptable to the hunters of Indiana. I will also quote the current fees for your comparison.

Spring Turkey License 25.00

Fall Turkey License 25.00 No problem with the fee here but I believe if you do not fill your spring license you should be able to use it during the fall season and not have to buy an additional license.

Archery license 24.00

Buck license 24.00

Firearms license 24.00

Bonus license 1st bonus 24.00

Muzzleloader 24.00

Bonus license 1st 24.00

Additional bonus 15.00

Extra archery 24.00

Eliminate entirely

As you can see the existing system can rack up considerable amounts of money in license fees and are an unnecessary expense on the hunting public. What I propose is two types of licenses valid for use with whatever weapon is legal in the season rather than separate licenses for each season. And would still require a separate license for each deer killed.

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has improved by removing crossbow restrictions. At a time when the number of hunters is declining, nothing is more important than the ongoing effort to preserve and strengthen our hunting heritage. To read NRA's letter to the Pennsylvania Game Commission, please click [here](#).

The Pennsylvania Game Commission has received input on both sides of the issue from stakeholders concerning this proposed change. It's time the Pennsylvania Game Commission hear from the very sportsmen and hunters they represent. There is little doubt that non-hunters and animal rights forces will be active in making their voices heard, so it is vital that sportsmen speak loudly.

Your calls are working, so please continue contacting the members of the Pennsylvania Game Commission and respectfully ask that they act to preserve our cherished hunting heritage by voting for the inclusion of crossbows during the state archery season.

The NRA also sent a letter to the Pennsylvania Game Commission supporting crossbows in the archery seasons. It is as follows:

NATIONAL RIFLE ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA
INSTITUTE FOR LEGISLATIVE ACTION
11250 WAPLES MILL ROAD
FAIRFAX, VIRGINIA 22030

January 15, 2009

Mr. Carl Roe

Executive Director Pennsylvania Game Commission
2001 Elmerton Avenue
Harrisburg, PA 17110

Dear Director Roe:

I am writing to express the National Rifle Association's strong support for the pending proposal that would make Pennsylvania the twelfth state to allow the use of crossbows during the state archery season. The NRA advocates for any expansion of hunter opportunity and choice where there is no biological reason to oppose the expansion.

Preserving and strengthening our cherished hunting heritage depends on it.

Experience in other states proves that allowing the unqualified use of crossbows helps to retain and recruit hunters. At a time when hunter numbers are declining, nothing is more important. Retention of older hunters with diminished physical capabilities is especially critical. These hunters remaining in the field years longer than they otherwise would if restricted to vertical bows encourages them to recruit more friends and family.

According to the National Survey of Fishing, Hunting and Wildlife Associated Recreation only 62 new hunters are recruited to the field in Pennsylvania for every 100 who permanently leave it (a hunter replacement ratio of 0.62).

The Commission is to be commended for its many recent efforts to improve this alarming ratio and this crossbow proposal is one more logical step in that laudable endeavor.

Contrary to the claims of opponents the experience in other states shows that archer success rates do not increase with the use of a crossbow as opposed to a vertical bow.

The goal of all hunters should be to increase participation because greater hunter numbers in the future will bolster defenses against the political attacks initiated by anti-hunting extremists like the Humane Society of the United States. There is no legitimate place for the brand of hunter elitism that pits one hunter group against another.

Thank you for exercising the courage and foresight to bring this proposal forward.

Hunters for generations to come will owe you a debt of gratitude. Please contact me at (703) 267-1207 if you have any questions or would like additional information.

Sincerely,

Darren LaSorte
NRA-ILA Manager of Hunting Policy

cc: Pennsylvania Game Commissioners

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To: NRCFWRulesProject
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Hunting, Trapping or Taking Mammals
Other

First Name
Gary

Last Name
Wendholt

County
Dubois

State of Residence
IN

Suggestions

We need to go back to the Hunting and Fishing licensesoverlapping. As a license vendor I see MANY disgrunted sportsman whowant to rabbit hunt or ice fish and they must buy a license thatexpires in 2 or 3 months.

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Michaels, Debbie

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Hunting, Trapping or Taking Mammals
Other

First Name
Jason

Last Name
Hartz

County
Clark

City

State of Residence
IN

Suggestions

I would like to see the online license look more like the old licensethat was purchased in the stores. I keep my licenses from every yearas keepsakes and they are plain looking...also, a designated spot forthe federal stamp would be helpful in the format of the huntinglicense. Being able to purchase online is great, but a small reformatof the license would make them 'prettier' and more functional if theywere formatted more like the licenses of the past.

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Michaels, Debbie

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Hunting, Trapping or Taking Mammals
Other

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ryan

Last Name
mcduffee

Email

County
parke

State of Residence
IN

Suggestions

Make a "Sportsman License" available. This would be similar to the youth license but restrict it to 3 deer (1 buck & 2 does), small game, waterfowl, gamebird, and turkey.

Michaels, Debbie

From: Potratz [bpotratz@msn.com]
Sent: Thursday, January 08, 2009 5:27 PM
To: NRCFWRulesProject
Subject: SUBSTANTIVE AMENDMENT SUGGESTION FORMHunting, Trapping or Taking Mammals

Hunting, Trapping or Taking Mammals
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Bryan

Last Name
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County
LaPorte

State of Residence
IN

Suggestions

Add a Premium, yearly comprehensive "sportsmans" license, similiar toa Lifetime License in effect on the rules, but on a yearly basis.

**COMPREHENSIVE
FISH & WILDLIFE RULES PROJECT**

SUBSTANTIVE SUGGESTIONS

**TOPIC: HUNTING, TRAPPING, TAKING
MAMMALS**

SUB-TOPIC: MISC. SUGGESTIONS

Kane, Jennifer

From: Morelock [longspring@aol.com]
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Cc: Guinnup, Jacob
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COMPREHENSIVE FISH & WILDLIFE RULES ENHANCEMENT PROJECT

Hunting, Trapping or Taking Mammals

Other

First Name

Tom

Last Name

Morelock

Email

longspring@aol.com

County

hamilton

State of Residence

IN

Suggestions

Beaver season should be extended to march 31st so that fur trappers have more good trapping weather to harvest more beaver. this will reduce the the number of nuisance beaver that are killed and wasted during the off season.

Kane, Jennifer

From: Wildeman [wildemank@netnitco.net]
Sent: Monday, February 16, 2009 9:06 PM
To: NRCFWRulesProject
Cc: Guinnup, Jacob
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First Name
Keith

Last Name
Wildeman

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wildemank@netnitco.net

County
IN

State of Residence
IN

Suggestions

I propose that Indiana establishes a new speciality automobile licenseplate specifically for sportsman like many other states currentlyhave. Have several different plates available, such as deer, ducks,turkeys, fish, cardinal, etc.. The additional cost should be kept to\$25 -30, less than the heritage trust plates. By keeping prices lowermore sportsman would purchase these plates to show their interest. Allthe money generated from these plates should go directly to thedivision of fish and wildlife specifically for land aquistion withemphasis on places to hunt, fish, & trap. Rules should be written upso that the funds are more readily accessible than the current system.If people are worried about a drop in funds for the HT plates, thenadd these sportsmans plates at the same price. A lot of people aretired of looking at the same old plates, especially the regular onesthat always look horrible.

Kane, Jennifer

From: Wildeman [wildemank@netnitco.net]
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COMPREHENSIVE FISH & WILDLIFE RULES ENHANCEMENT PROJECT

Hunting, Trapping or Taking Mammals
Other

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Keith

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Wildeman

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County
Jasper

State of Residence
IN

Suggestions

I suggest that Indiana support it's professional biologists in the DNR by paying them more money to acquire and maintain professional certification. Currently there is no incentive for any one who works for the DNR to become professionally certified. Many other states require that biologists be certified wildlife or fisheries biologists. They also pay more for this. To obtain this certification an individual must pay this expense out of pocket and keep up continuing education credits. This will help strengthen the knowledge of the department's professional staff and encourage people to stick around and not be so willing to move out of state. Indiana will begin to draw and retain more talented individuals instead of training them for other states.

Michaels, Debbie

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To: NRCFWRulesProject
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Hunting, Trapping or Taking Mammals
Other

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County
Monroe

State of Residence
IN

Suggestions

The state will ban all types of fenced (don't know the official name)hunting on public or private property. Since I am not sure of whatthat is called, I am referring to the type of hunting where the "game"are kept within the confined of fenced areas. This is not sportsmenlike hunting; this is execution!

Kane, Jennifer

From: McBride, Jr [jmcbride@psci.net]
Sent: Monday, January 26, 2009 12:13 PM
To: NRCFWRulesProject
Subject: SUBSTANTIVE AMENDMENT SUGGESTION FORMHunting, Trapping or Taking Mammals

Hunting, Trapping or Taking Mammals
Other

First Name
John

Last Name
McBride, Jr

County
Spencer

State of Residence
IN

Suggestions

Albino animals are some of the most beautiful natural wonders of ourstate. If you believe God created them or if they are a geneticanomaly makes no differance. I have been a hunter my whole life andwas always taught to respect the animals i take.I believe that Albinoanimals are not that common and that they should be protected by theState of Indiana.Some of our neigboring states already protect thesewonders of nature.There would be very little impact to the averagehunter by not harvesting an Albino animal.The benefits of leaving sucha special creature alive for all to admire could be more beneficialthan we may ever know.Such animals have an awe inspiring effect on theyoung and old alike. By leaving such animals to be admired and studiedby everyone you would be truly sharing an Indiana resource with all,not just the one who harvested it.You may also increase interest inour Great States outdoor areas and a wonderful oddity that can not beeasily replaced.This can be done simply by letting the albinos live.This can also show our children that not all beautiful things shouldbe taken for ourselves, but respected and shared with others. I don'tknow how far this letter may go but i think the impact when brought tothe public may surprise you. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely, John L. McBride, Jr.

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Michaels, Debbie

From: christoffel [ziggyin@hotmail.com]
Sent: Saturday, January 24, 2009 10:05 AM
To: NRCFWRulesProject
Subject: SUBSTANTIVE AMENDMENT SUGGESTION FORMHunting, Trapping or Taking Mammals

Hunting, Trapping or Taking Mammals
Other

First Name
greg

Last Name
christoffel

County
steuben

State of Residence
IN

Suggestions

when hunting on public land all shotgun shells in your possessions should be marked with name and address with a permanent marker. then when you find spent shells left behind you can charge them with littering.
mushroom hunting on state land I often pick up several handfulls that if let lay would be there forever.
thank you for your consideration of this

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Kane, Jennifer

From: Miller [afssadmin@ai.org]
Sent: Tuesday, January 27, 2009 4:14 PM
To: NRCFWRulesProject
Subject: SUBSTANTIVE AMENDMENT SUGGESTION FORMHunting, Trapping or Taking Mammals

Hunting, Trapping or Taking Mammals
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First Name
Marjorie

Last Name
Miller

County
Ripley

State of Residence
IN

Suggestions
January 28, 2009

Work to protect local government from take-over by the Governor. Work to keep public choice democracy available at the county level. Reject attempts to "consolidate" or "eliminate" our local officials.

Granted DNR officers are not elected officials, but they work hand-in-hand with local elected Sheriff and County Commissioners whose roles can be tightly intertwined with DNR officers. The DNR officer generally lives in and as member of the local community.

We need more DNR Conservation Officers who function as well as our local Ripley County Officer Steve Miller, working in conjunction with our outstanding local Sheriff Tom Grills, as a team. Both are held in high regard by landowners and ACTIVE hunters in this area around Versailles State Park. Local people, with a shared history, serving in a local democracy: it is a good thing.

If our local elected officials are replaced by political appointees of the Governor who live 150 miles from here, by someone who has no history with local people, and someone who does not worry what the local yokels think as the locals CANNOT VOTE THEM OUT, it will be as if we are living in former Nazi Germany.

By the way, we NEED MORE conservation officers around all public parks, forests, and other target poaching areas, including remote private land, to help what will soon become an all out onslaught of the deer herd: PEOPLE ARE GOING HUNGRY HERE, WITH JOBS DISAPPEARING DAILY. THE POACHING WILL ONLY INCREASE DRAMATICALLY as the economy continues to crash.

How to pay for that? Eliminate all per diem and travel by the Executive

branch. Use video conferencing. Establish a surcharge on licenses to pay for the anti-poaching enforcement.

Regards,
M Miller

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Michaels, Debbie

From: Pier [samuel.pier@grissom.af.mil]
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To: NRCFWRulesProject
Cc: Guinnup, Jacob
Subject: SUBSTANTIVE AMENDMENT SUGGESTION FORMHunting, Trapping or Taking Mammals

Hunting, Trapping or Taking Mammals
Other

First Name
Samuel

Last Name
Pier

County
Miami

City

State of Residence
IN

Suggestions
Allow the recovery of game with heat detection devices. (Infrared)

I understand if this is allowed, the possibility of hunters using this technology to pursue game illegally increases, however I feel that the advantages of recovering more game outweigh the possible abuses.

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Michaels, Debbie

From: Becraft [afssadmin@ai.org]
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First Name
Richard

Last Name
Becraft

County
Lawrence

City

State of Residence
IN

Suggestions

I propose all funding and support from DNR or state agency for anytype of program to promote or support wanton waste of game animals by people who don't even want the game them selves be stopped.

Specificly the the programs to feed the hungry and welfare should notbe supported at the expense of game animal programs. The statedmission of the DNR is to provide maximum opportunity for hunting thestates game animals funded by hunters. It is not the mission of theDNR to fund welfare programs at the expense of wild game or huntingopportunities.

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